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**Department of Transportation
2005-2007 Biennial Budget Request
STATUTORY MODIFICATIONS**

DIN NUMBER: 5602

TOPIC: Increase Bonding Authority for Freight Railroad Preservation Program (FRPP)

DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:

The Department requests an increase of \$6.5 million in General Obligation (GO) bonding authority, s. 20.866(2) (uw) Wis. Stats., for the Freight Railroad Preservation Program (FRPP). Current GO bonding authority for FRPP is \$32.5 million.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Freight Railroad Preservation Program (FRPP) assists in the preservation of freight railroad service on abandoned lines and publicly-owned lines, and in the preservation of abandoned railroad corridors when service is not immediately continued.

Historically, the FRPP has been funded at \$4.5 million each biennium. However, the demand for funding is growing as the demand for shipping freight by rail increases and the railroad industry moves to cars with greater carrying capacity. These heavier weight rail cars are stressing the existing state-owned lines beyond the limits they were designed to meet when originally constructed in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

In addition, despite increased activity, there are corridors that are being abandoned or service discontinued because the lines do not meet the railroads' requirements. Some of these lines may be purchased for continued service to preserve the economic strength of the businesses and communities they serve. Other lines could be purchased to preserve the corridor for future transportation use. Without additional bonding authority, the Department would be unable to respond to requests for assistance to preserve and rehabilitate abandoned rail freight lines and to preserve abandoned corridors for future transportation uses.

2005-07 Budget Bill Statutory Language Drafting Request

- Topic: Increase Bonding Authority for Freight Rail Preservation Program
- Tracking Code: BB0284
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- Agency acronym: DOT
- Agency number: 395

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